It is expected that the civil construction work would start by early 2008 and be completed in 2009 (for housing/hostel) and in 2010-11 (for hospital/medical college complex).

Vacancy of Pharmacists

667. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of pharmacists lying vacant in each CGHS homoeopathic dispensaries in Delhi, as on date;

(b) whether Timarpur and Shahadra CGHS homoeopathic dispensaries are running without pharmacists since 1st January, 2006 and 1st January, 2007 respectively;

(c) whether it is a fact that without pharmacist/pharmacist on leave, a class IV employee is distributing the medicines in each dispensary;

(d) whether Government have given any incentive to Class IV employee for distribution of the medicines in the absence of pharmacists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when all the vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The total number of posts lying vacant of pharmacist (Homoeopathic) in CGHS Delhi as on date are 7(seven).

(b) Timarpur dispensary running without Homeo Pharmacist since 1.1.2006 and Shahadra dispensary *w.e.f.* 1.5.2007.

(c) and (d) Under provision of Rule 11 of Fundamental Rule, a Government servant is at the disposal of the Government and he/she may be employed in any manner required by the authority, without any claim for additional remuneration.

In the absence of pharmacists, Homoeopathic doctors distribute the medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries with the help of Group 'D' Staff taken in handling the stores/ counters. SIU has conducted a study of the staffing norms of Homoeopathic/ Ayurveda dispensaries/units and SIU has fixed the norms as per the average daily attendance. As per this study there is already surplus staff in homoeopathy dispensaries. Moreover, vacant posts are filled up according to total vacancy position.

(e) So far as the filling up the vacancies of Homeo Pharmacist is concerned, the action has already been initiated to fill up the vacant posts as approved by the Competent Authority.

AIDS Bill

668. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the proposed AIDS Bill;

(b) whether it is going to be introduced in the current session of the Parliament;